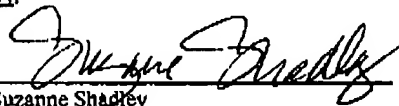


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Response to Restriction Requirement is submitted in response to the Office action dated September 25, 2003, the period for response being extended three months by the Request for Extension of Time filed herewith to January 25, 2004. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above-referenced patent application on the merits in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS:

Claims 1-76 have been restricted to two groups: Group I, claims 1-49 and 58-76 drawn to a parallel flow reaction system, and Group II, claims 50-57 drawn to a method for evaluating a chemical reaction process.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-49 and 58-76).

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement, and request reconsideration thereof, in view of the following remarks.